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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Wilfred M. Dillard, 43 years old, of Lorton, Virginia, pled guilty today in United States District Court in Alexandria to theft of government property. Sentencing is scheduled for February 6, 2004, before the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema, United States District Judge, at which time Dillard faces a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and full restitution.

Dillard was a civilian employee of the U.S. Army who worked as a supply technician at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

From December 1997 through September 2002 Dillard used a Department of Defense IMPAC (International Merchants Purchase Agreement Card) charge card to purchase computer printers and accessories. The printers were usually laser jet printers and were sold to the United States for an average cost of \$1,200 per unit. Dillard took delivery of the printers and then sold them to a business which did not know he had stolen the computer equipment. He received over \$288,000 as a result of this scheme, which he converted to his own use.

This case is part of a continuing effort to prosecute IMPAC charge card fraud and abuse within the Department of Defense and was investigated by the United States Army Criminal Investigative Command and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Robert C. Erickson prosecuted the case for the United States.

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